Production of Oilseeds in the Country

*33. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set and the actual production of oilseeds in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any possibility to get better production of oils from the non-traditional States where oilseeds production is less;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make the country self-reliant in field of oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) A statement showing the targets set and the actual production of oilseeds in the country State-wise during the last 3 years is given in statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Groundnut, Soybean, Rapeseed-Mustard, Sunflower, Sesamum and Castor are the main oilseed crops grown in the country. Vast-Mono-cropped area after paddy, fallow lands and riverine in the country hold good prospects for cultivation of oilseed crops like groundnut, soybean, sunflower etc., with better return to farmers during the Kharif season, high yielding varieties of rapeseed-mustard, sunflower, linseed and summer groundnut can fetch additional return to the farmers as rabi summer crops. With this view, the Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses and National Oilseeds and vegetable Oils Development Board (NOVOD Board) are promoting the oilseeds cultivation in the traditional as well as non-traditional States through demonstration of the improved production technology and popularisation of high yielding varieties/ hybrids through minikit programmes.

(d) A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in implementation in 22 major oilseeds growing States for increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds and to make the country self-reliant. Under the programme, various incentives by way of subsidies are being provided on critical inputs like production and distribution of seed, minikits, rhizobium culture, gypsum/pyrite, improved farm implements, plant protection equipments, sprinkler sets etc. In addition, frontline and general demonstrations are organised on farmer's field to transfer the production technology. The project to promote the cultivation of oil palm has also been taken up in the country to achieve self-sufficiency in edible oils. In order to supplement the Oilseeds Production further in the country, the oil is also extracted from non-traditional sources like cotton-seed and rice bran and also the forest based oilseeds are exploited upto some extent.

Statement

Targets set and the actual production of Oilseeds State-wise during the last three years from 1995-96 to 1997-98

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

S.No.	State	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25.00	30.40	24.75	24.25	29.61	14.47
2.	Assam	1.90	1.56	1.84	1.55	1.85	1.72
3.	Bihar	1.80	1.42	2.06	1.61	4.32	1.43
4.	Gujarat	29.00	21.64	28.50	38.09	31.85	40.56

S.No.	State	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment
5.	Haryana	8.50	7.83	8.08	10.04	9.70	8.66
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.50	0.44	0.50	0.44	0.50	0.42
7.	Karnataka	18.70	17.42	17.87	17.14	17.60	13.80
8.	Madhya Pradesh	42.00	49.50	46.42	49.98	52.90	60.41
9.	Maharashtra	22.00	19.81	21.15	23.84	25.48	19.71
10.	Orissa	7.50	2.43	7.38	1.77	6.06	1.80
11.	Punjab	2.70	3.06	2.71	3.10	3.33	3.03
12.	Rajasthan	27.20	30.70	30.17	35.25	32.15	32.22
13.	Tamil Nadu	17.20	15.94	16.35	19.29	18.00	14.68
14.	Uttar Pradesh	15.50	14.24	15.64	17.72	16.15	16.68
15.	West Bengal	4.60	3.72	4.68	4.51	4.70	6.19
	Others	0.90	0.95	1.90	1.02	0.80	1.11
	TOTAL	225.00	221.06	230.00	249.60	255.00	236.89

Amendment in the Plant, Fruit and Seeds Order, 1989

*34. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to amend the Plant, Fruit and Seeds Order, 1989 to strengthen plant quarantine measure;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) A Group has been constituted recently by the Government of India to suggest amendments to the Plant, Fruit and Seeds Order, 1989. The recommendations of the group are being finalised.

US reaction to Pokhran Nuclear Tests

*35Ä DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reaction of the USA to our Nuclear Test Explosion in Pokhran on 11th May, 1989;

(b) whether the USA have threatened sanctions against India;

(c) what is our strategy to counter this reaction; and

(d) what steps are being taken to strengthen our position in the international community *vis-a-vis* the recent nuclear test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) U.S. President Clinton declared that he was "deeply disturbed by India's tests which does not contribute to the building of a safer would. US strongly opposes India's actions which will lead to regional insecurity and flying a challenge to global attempts on non-proliferation".